GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEDIATION ON INDO-PAK ISSUES
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries have offered to mediate on issues outstanding between India and Pakistan following the US-led war against terrorism in Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)&(b) Some countries have indicated a willingness to play a role in India-Pakistan relations, if desired by both India and Pakistan. India`s position is well known. The Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, which are the cornerstones of India-Pakistan relations, commit both countries to resolve all issues peacefully through direct bilateral approaches. There is no question of involving a third country in any aspect of India-Pakistan relations.